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South Vietnam: [The Diem government's preoccupation with the Buddhist crisis is handicapping South Vietnam's military effort against the Viet Cong]

[The commander of the Third Army Corps area north and east of Saigon has complained that the crisis is preventing his troops from performing essential military operations. He states he has lost some territory gained in a traditional Viet Cong war zone north of Saigon because of inability to carry out military actions while maintaining units on alert status around Saigon]

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[Diversion of troops to deal with Buddhist agitation in the northern city of Hué may also have prompted a slight increase in Viet Cong activity in surrounding provinces]

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Brazil: [President Goulart seems increasingly disposed to rely on mass demagoguery and appeals to open class warfare, according to US Ambassador Gordon.]

[The ambassador felt that the Brazilian President's remarks during a 16 August interview reflected the pernicious influence of advisers who range from irresponsible adolescent opportunists through fellow travelers to probable Communists.]

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[Throughout the interview, Goulart appeared to have difficulty in believing Ambassador Gordon about the true nature of US aid to Brazil and about the recent fabricated story concerning an alleged meeting of US businessmen at the ambassador's home.]

[Goulart seemed to Ambassador Gordon to be tired and harassed. The Brazilian President said that the upper and middle classes are now increasingly hostile, and that his only recourse was to turn to the masses, who understand and support him.]

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Turkey: Interparty tension threatens the stability of Prime Minister Inonu's tripartite coalition government.

Sources within the New Turkey Party (NTP) stated recently that the party is closer to leaving the coalition than at any time since the present government was formed in June 1962.

The leader of the NTP, Deputy Prime Minister Alican, openly attacked Inonu's Republican Peoples' Party in early August and demanded the resolution of several basic grievances. The differences were apparently smoothed over but were not resolved during a 14 August cabinet meeting, according to political observers in Ankara.

The Grand National Assembly reconvenes today after a month's recess, and legislative issues will place added strains on the coalition government. Extension of martial law by the Assembly for another two months is almost certain to bring added popular criticism of the regime.

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India-USSR: The recent Indian arms aid mission to Moscow and Prague has returned to New Delhi from its month-long negotiations virtually empty handed. According to the Indians, agreement is near only on a surface-to-air missile complex for point defense of one area--presumably the Chandigarh-Ambala area of northern Punjab state. Generally, the equipment shown the Indians did not meet cost or performance specifications, or its procurement was so bound up in red tape that no agreement seemed possible before the end of the year.

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Congo (Brazzaville): The fall of the Youlou regime is reducing French influence over the Congolese armed forces. Young Congolese officers have relieved Frenchmen in top command positions controlling both the 700-man army and the 1,200-man gendarmerie. While the displaced French commanders expect to be retained for the present as advisers, they anticipate that many French junior officers and NCOs now serving in the Congolese forces will soon be reassigned.

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Berlin: Preparations for the inauguration of a large Soviet cultural and office complex in West Berlin are moving ahead on schedule, with occupancy apparently still set for 1 October. Scaffolding has been erected across the front of the USSR-owned building on Lietzenburgerstrasse in the British Sector, and interior renovation of the site has begun. The Soviet trade mission in East Berlin has applied to West Berlin authorities for installation of a large number of telephones.

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